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Dear Howard,

Thaks for the speed on the clips. Those thru 24 came today. I've read all but the Califano article. Too bad he was less vigorous as counsel for the Democrats!

The carbon of your letter of the 21st to Ross Ralston came today. I didn't answer, didn't acknowledge. Last time was enough. I think you were here. His later visit to Dallas was accompanied by misrepresentations, as I recall. However, without these things, the content, as you show him well, was more than enough. Terrible, bad stuff!

If I welcome your positions so close to my own when others disagreed with them as strongly as you know, I am pointed, not diplomatic, in noting this so you can be sure you are expressing what are now your own opinions. I am not suggesting that they are not. Im merely again emphasizing the need for independent thought.

The 4/23 Times piece dividing the Nixon camps into ~~[illegible]~~ Mitchellisti and Haldemanians (would you prefer Haldemaniacs?) and identifying them as opposing factions in the WG fracas, soon-to-be-bloodletting, is a correct approach and is undoubtedly relevent. However, I don't think it is causative. It is merely the normal divisions one finds among connected finks. I don't think one band is guilty, the other innocent. Or that it is because of their leadership, subordinate to GL, that is, that they are or are not guilty. It is just the way dirty fighters fight dirty, the way the dishonest conceive offers best survival prospects. I assume involmenent both camps in one or both aspects, operations or covering-up.

If you see the current TIME, I have it. Our LIFE subscription was converted, as was that toLOOK. If you don't see it, not worth the time.

Mansfield story on declassifications at his request is interesting to me most of all because there was clearly no need for classification for more than a year. If you get them, I'd like to read some time.

Best,